

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A secure delivery system for unattended receiving and shipping of goods ~~at-to~~ a customer ~~having-at~~ a location, the system comprising:

a tamper-proof enclosure having at least one opening operably controlled using a customer-specified code;

and an Internet-based application accessible by both the customer and one or more delivery services, the Internet-based application having a database for storage of a customer profile containing the location and the customer-specified code, the profile providing a first specified delivery service with the customer-specified code so that the first specified delivery service can operate the tamper-proof enclosure for deposit of the goods therein, the profile further providing a second specified delivery service with the customer-specified code so that the second specified delivery service can operate the tamper-proof enclosure for pick up of goods deposited therein by the customer.

2. (previously amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the customer profile contains a name and an address of the customer.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising a routing hub for receiving a status message pertaining to the tamper-proof enclosure.

5. (previously amended) The system of claim 4 wherein the routing hub transmits the status message pertaining to the tamper-proof enclosure to the customer.

6. (previously amended) The system of claim 4 wherein the routing hub transmits the status message pertaining to the tamper-proof enclosure to a member of a group consisting of the first specified delivery service and the second specified delivery service.

7. (previously amended) The system of claim 4 wherein the routing hub transmits the status message to a web page.

8. (previously amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the tamper-proof enclosure further comprises a transmitter to send the status message to the routing hub.

9. (previously amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the routing hub further comprises a receiver to receive the status message from the transmitter.

10. (previously amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the receiver and transmitter communicate through a satellite.

11. (previously amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a remote control to send the customer-specified code to the tamper-proof enclosure.

12. (previously amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the routing hub can send the status message via an email message to the customer.

13. (previously amended) A tamper-proof enclosure for secure and unattended receipt and shipping of goods for a customer, the enclosure comprising:

a box having a least one opening;

an electronically locked door with a lock which opens to permit access to contents within the box and closes to cover the opening and protect the contents within the box, the lock responsive to a customer-specified code; and

a processing means within the box adapted for creating and storing the customer-specified code obtained from an Internet-based application having a database for storage of a customer profile containing the location of the tamper-proof enclosure and the customer-specified code.

14. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 13, further comprising a control pad operably accessible from outside the box and linked to the processing means, the control pad configured to provide the customer-specified code to the processing means.

15. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 13, further comprising means for sending a status message.

16. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 15,
wherein the means for sending the status message is a transmitter.

17. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 15,
further comprising a infrared communication port communicably linked to the
means for sending the status message.

18. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 17,
further comprising a remote control device capable of communicating with the
means for sending the status message.

19. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 18,
wherein the remote control device transmits the customer-specified code
through the infrared communication port to unlock the lock.

20. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 13
wherein the box further includes a means for attachment to a foundation.

21. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 20,
wherein the attachment means is at least one bolt securing the box to the
foundation.

22. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 13,
further comprising at least one flange extending from the box to allow the
tamper-proof enclosure to be built into a building.

23. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 13,
wherein the box further comprises a refrigeration unit to control the temperature
within the box.

24. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 13, wherein the box is divided into a plurality of compartments.

25. (previously amended) The tamper-proof enclosure of claim 24, wherein one of the compartments is a mail box.

26. (previously amended) A method for the secure unattended delivery and pickup of goods in a tamper proof-enclosure, the tamper-proof enclosure operably controlled by a customer-specified code, the method comprising the steps of:

placing an order for goods by a customer;

shipping the order by a first delivery service to the customer;

using an Internet-based application to provide customer profile information to the first delivery service, the customer profile information providing the first delivery service with a means of obtaining the customer-specified code;

delivering the goods to the tamper-proof enclosure by the first delivery service using the customer profile information;

placing goods to be picked up by a second delivery service into the tamper-proof enclosure by the customer;

notifying the second delivery service that goods are to be picked up; and

retrieving the goods by the second delivery service using the customer-specified code.

27. (previously amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of sending a status message from the tamper-proof enclosure to a routing hub.

28. (previously amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of sending the status message further comprises the step of forwarding the status message to the customer from the routing hub.

29. (previously amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of sending the status message further comprises the step of forwarding the status message from the routing hub to a member of the group comprising the first delivery service and the second delivery service.

30. (new) A method for the secure unattended pickup of goods from a tamper proof-enclosure, the tamper-proof enclosure operably controlled by a customer-specified code, the method comprising the steps of:

updating of customer profile information by a customer to provide the customer-specified code;

placing goods to be picked up by a delivery service into the tamper-proof enclosure by the customer;

notifying the delivery service that goods are to be picked up;

accessing the customer profile information by the delivery service in order to obtain the customer-specified code;

opening the tamper-proof enclosure by the delivery service using the customer-specified code; and

retrieving the goods from the tamper-proof enclosure by the delivery service.